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SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL FILMS FOR MOZAMBIQUE

1. ABNER SANSO MUTEMBA, DIRECTOR OF VOZ DE MOCAMBIQUE, HAS REQUESTED 16 MM EDUCATIONAL FILMS IN EITHER PORTUGUESE OR ENGLISH IN FOLLOWING SUBJECT AREAS: HYGIENE-SANITATION, PRE-NATAL CARE, AGRICULTURE, AND CATTLE RAISING. HE IS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH WALT DISNEY HEALTH FILM SERIES AND WANTS TEN COPIES OF EACH FILM: ONE ORIGINAL COPY WITH SOUNDTRACK AND NINE OTHER COPIES WITH ONLY MAGNETIC TRACK. MUTEMBA PLANS TO DUB IN LOCAL DIALECTS TO SHOW FILMS IN RURAL AREAS. WHILE HE WOULD PREFER USG TO DONATE FILMS TO MOZAMBIQUE, HE IS PREPARED TO PURCHASE THEM IF NECESSARY.

2. COMMENT: WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF MUTEMBA'S REQUEST AND HOPE USIA CAN ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR DONATION OR MAKE "LONG-TERM LOAN" FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A) MUTEMBA IS DIRECTOR OF RADIO STATION WHICH BROADCASTS IN 11 LOCAL DIALECTS AND THUS EXERCISES POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON RURAL MASSES OF MOZAMBIQUE;

B) AS FORMER POLITICAL PRISONER AND FRELIMO SUPPORTER, WHO WAS MEMBER OF RECENT MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION TO DAR ES

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SALAAM (SEE LM 448), MUTEMBA IS LIKELY TO HAVE IMPORTANT

POSITION IN FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE. BY BEING FORTH-COMING ON THIS INITIAL REQUEST, WE MAY BE ABLE TO ENSURE ACCESS AND FUTURE PLACEMENT OF USIS MATERIALS IN MEDIA CHANNELS UNDER MUTEMBA'S CONTROL OR INFLUENCE;

C) PROMISE OF HELP REQUESTED WOULD GIVE NEW CONSUL GENERAL EXCELLENT ENTREE WITH MUTEMBA;

D) MUTEMBA'S REQUEST PROVIDES USG WITH OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY ITSELF WITH PROJECT WHICH IS SENSIBLE, NON-POLITICAL AND CLEARLY WORTHWHILE FROM ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POINT OF VIEW.
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